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Dear Dr. Bacon:

I have deferred a reply to your letter of 1 March pending our development of a considerable amount of detailed information on the time factors in Section 61 production.

Two points in our established policies relate to your question about FAS publication. There are a number of reasons, for example including the demonstrated possibility of discrepancies in published data, why such publication is permitted only after funded NIS contributions are fully processed and issued by this Office. Once that is accomplished, a producing agency such as FAS is free to publish in other than NIS form the basic material it assembled and processed for an NIS contribution, providing there is no identification with the NIS, the material does not substantially parallel the NIS in form and appearance, and of course there has been careful screening out of any classified material or references which might have been incident to production for the NIS.

We now feel we are in position to suggest certain measures to significantly shorten the over-all time span in Section 61 production, which will be pertinent to your letter and to our continuing concern in reducing as much as feasible the time required to produce and publish all NIS.

Sincerely,

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